

Application No. 10/830,196
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Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~The present invention is directed to a~~ A ~~deck screw is intended for use~~
with composite lumber, although it can be used with other wood products, such
as pressure treated lumber. The deck screw ~~of the present invention may be~~
~~provided with~~ has a head and a shaft that has two regions of different ~~varying~~
diameter. The upper region has threads that exceed the number of threads of
the lower shaft, on a unit length basis. The threads of the upper shaft may be
configured in an inverted buttress design. The lower region of the shaft
terminates at a tapered distal end having a pointed tip that leads the screw
through the wood material. Threads are provided on the lower region of the
shaft. ~~The head of the screw is provided with an upper surface, a lower surface,~~
~~and a~~ A ~~crown that extends around the perimeter of the head. The crown~~
~~extends beyond the lower surface of the head, forming a recessed region~~
~~between the lower edge of the crown and the shaft of the screw. The head may~~
~~also be provided with an undercut. Further, the head of the screw may be~~
~~provided with a square driver opening that permits the persons installing the~~
~~screw to use a square bit. For instance the opening may be a #2 square driver~~
~~opening. It should be understood that Phillips heads or flat heads in various~~
~~sizes might also be employed.~~